

Foundation Opens Up the World of Trains

Every teacher would like to do a little bit extra for their classes. But that often takes money and they do, indeed, use their own money for many projects.

However, many in the community thought it would be nice to give some

of these worthwhile projects a helping hand, and thus was born in 1988 the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence.

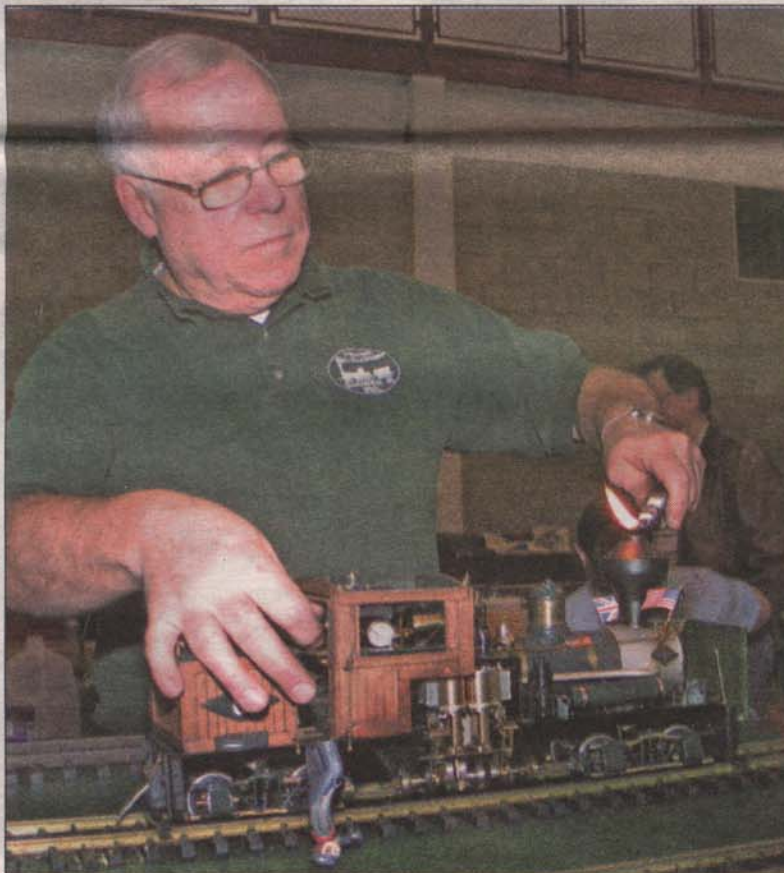
This Foundation is a non-profit organization created by friends and supporters of the Troy School District

to enhance and enrich the educational opportunities offered to children.

Naturally, they have to raise money to give teachers grants. So, last Sunday the Foundation hosted its second Troy Train Show at Athens High School.



ASHLEY DeMOSS, 5, of Sterling Heights was the youngest exhibitor at the Foundation for Educational Excellence Train Show & Sale at Athens High last Sunday. After the show she wanted to go to the store and play with the trains.



IT'S A STEAM ENGINE, so naturally it takes fuel to operate. This model, a live steam model of an Shay was originally made in Harbor Springs. This Shay was fueled by wood in the old days. Today, the model gets a little butane to power it, thanks to train collector Tom Myers of Shelby Township.

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The room for vendors was sold out, with 275 spots taken for displays and several large table displays occupied the back of the cafeteria and one of the Athens gyms.

It was crowded and volunteers selling food - who say this was a hungry crowd - said over 1,000 children had been given a chance on a door prize.

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